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Newsletter #49:

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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a great week. This is the last newsletter of 2017. I'm still in Germany enjoying myself, taking long walks and trying to gather my strength for the upcoming business trip in 2018. My son has informed me today that our hometown Chicago is freezing cold to the point of closing up the airport. Perhaps my trip will be extended? In any case, I do hope you all have a safe and happy New Year's celebration. I look forward to seeing some of you in New York the second week of January 2018!

Here is what is happening this coming week:

Savoca 20th Online Auction (closes Jan 1)

The Munich based Savoca coins will close their 20th online auction on January 1 with 476 ancient coins. This auction house typically has decent coins on offer at reasonable prices. I find that it is always useful to take a peek through their sales for I typically find something interesting. Whether I win it is another story! Good coins usually will get noticed. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.

Roma ESale 42 (closes Jan 6)

The massive Roma ESale of 1,134 coins closes on January 6th. There are some wonderful coins on offer and if you can't hold out for the NY International I would recommend taking a look.

Naumann Numismatik ESale 61 (closes Jan 7)

As with Savoca, Naumann runs regular esales with auction 61 closing on January 7 with 1,089 coins. There are always deals to be found within the sale so check it out if the New

York auctions are just too pricey for you. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.

46th Annual New York International Trade Show (January 5-14, 2018) and Bourse dates (January 11-14, 2018)

I feel a bit like a broken record mentioning the New York International trade show but just in case you haven't read the last few of my newsletters I am leaving the information below for you to see. I highly recommend visiting the show if you live in or near NYC. If you can't attend than please feel free to get in touch if you want to participate in the auctions through me. I will be providing bidding services in the way of recommendations, viewing, live bidding and finally invoicing for those successful bidders represented. Please do get in touch via email or phone if you want to discuss at further length.

My booth is 1601 at the NY International Trade Show. The Grand Hyatt Hotel is located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues. I look forward to a week of seeing many of my customers and fellow dealers.

Heritage Auction (5 sessions starting on Jan 7, Platinum Auction on Jan 8)

Heritage is hosting five sessions at the NY International coin show. The total number of lots is a whopping 2,624 with the more exciting items (in my opinion) going in their Platinum Auction on January 8. The auction can be viewed on either Sixbid or Numisbids. I will not attend their January 7th auction but plan to attend the Platinum Auction if customer bids warrant it. Please let me know if you need my help.

Triton XXI, parts 1-4 (part 1&2 on Jan 8 and part 3&4 on Jan 9, 2018)

Triton is offering a very impressive array of coins over the course of two days and four sessions. The first part is solely Roman provincial Alexandrian coins from the Staffieri Collection. Undeniably Alexandrian coins are not every collectors dream but there are some extremely scarce coins being offered. The Zodiac series under Antoninus Pius is beloved and difficult to obtain. This auction offers a few examples. The collection was obviously thoughtfully assembled and for this reason it is worthy of your time.

The remainder of the auction has many noteworthy coins, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and world. Triton typically has a great mixture of exciting pieces that also have lengthy pedigrees. I will be attending this auction so if you would like representation please let me know soon.

The New York Sales XLII, XLIII and XLIV (Jan 9, 10 and 11, 2018)

This is a collaboration between four dealers (Goldberg, M&M, Dimitry Markov and Sovereign Rarities). You may not realize that Sovereign Rarities is a relatively new company that is composed of former employees of Baldwin's. Sovereign Rarities just partnered with NAC for a Milan auction of the Ratto Numismatic Library. The New York Sale looks to be a great auction this year. Just a cursory glance at the ancients portion on the first day I noticed lots of brilliant beautiful coins. The first day is ancients, day two is world coins and the last features only Russian coins, medals and badges. I plan to attend

the first two days of the auction and would be very pleased to handle your bids. Please do let me know soon if you have interest.

Kolbe & Fanning (Numismatic Literature) (Jan 13, 2018)

There are 500 books on offer for this auction with many exciting titles. For those of us that were literally shut out of the Greek portion of the Ratto book sale through the NAC/Sovereign Rarities cooperation, this gives us all another opportunity to get books we need for research. The best way to view K&F literature is through their website:

<https://bid.numislit.com/>

Baldwin's of St. James (Jan 14, 2018)

On the last day of the show they will host an auction with 486 coins. There are only 20 ancients coins of the 486. I won't be attending this auction as I am heading home that day but if you need anything viewed I would be happy to assist. Just reach out if you require help.



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

IRELAND. Hiberno-Norse. Phase III. Dublin Mint, c. 995-1150 AD

AR Penny, 0.96g (17mm, 9h). +IIITII + RIIGIIDIE, head left, :: on neck / +III DIDI I+II IDII, long cross with hand, two pellets and 8 in angles

Pedigree: Ex Demerete Collection, Ex Stacks Bowers 20 August 2013, lot 34901

Price: \$2,150

The Hiberno-Norse coinage is the first locally produced coinage in Ireland. The types are modeled quite closely to the coins of Aethelred II, the King of all England from 978-1016 AD

so roughly the same time period. These coins were not meant to be a contemporary imitation of Aethelred's, but rather a type that would be recognized by the northern European traders and accepted as good payment.

The coinage was important until after the Battle of Clontarf in 1014 when the Irish people considered them independent from any foreign powers. The Norse powers tended to use the coinage more than the Irish and therefore the coinage became less important to the daily lives of the communities.

There were seven phases of the Hiberno-Norse coinage until it finally died out completely in 1150. In 1169/70 the area was overtaken by the Normans, who were Norse Vikings that had settled in the area of Normandy in France.

References: SCBI BM 139; SCBC 6133

Grade: Lovely iridescent toning. EF

WC1014

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website www.shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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